Dewan.—You are on the Trust Board and why not move this subject there ?

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—In the City of Mysore, about 4,271 houses have been acquired, but only 3,847 houses have been built, and people who have lost the remaining houses are put to much difficulty for not being provided with any accommodation. Government should make a rule that no house should be acquired till a new dwelling place is provided for those whose houses have been acquired. Till such satisfactory arrangements are made, the Municipality should not begin acquiring houses.

Dewan.—The question is noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 172.

Resumption of vacant sites in Municipalities.

Mr. K. V. Narayana Rao, Nanjangud Municipality.

The City and Town Municipal Councils may be empowered to resume with or without a nominal value such of the vacant sites as have neither been built upon by the owners thereof nor offered in sale to intending house builders.

Second Member of Council.—The Municipal Regulation will have to be amended to give such powers to the Municipalities. A Draft amending the Regulation is under the consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Letting out Mutton stalls on annual rents.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere Taluk.

Mr. Mir Mohamed Sab.—In most of the Municipalities in the State, the mutton stalls are leased out annually in public auction. The result of this is that longstanding mutton sellers are forced to discontinue their business, being unable to compete in the public auction and consumers will have to buy at a very high rate. This should be stopped and mutton stalls leased on annual rents. The rent of Rs. 2 per stall has increased to Rs. 40 by auction.

Second Member of Council.—This is a matter entirely within the power of the Municipal Councils.

Mr. Rasool Khan.—In order to make more money, the Municipality have resorted to this practice. This should be discontinued in the interest of both the sellers and consumers.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—It is much better to fix by annual rents than by public auction. In Bangalore, it is given according to rent. It is not auctioned.

Dewan.—Representations may be submitted to Government.